Mr. C. J. Mathew—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill *(Cont.)*

Mr. Thomas Marjuran:—Sir, I rise to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Village Panchayath Regulation Amendment Bill. It will be noticed from the report of the Select Committee now before the Hon. members that some slight changes were introduced by the Select Committee in the original bill. The bill as it stands reads thus:— "The Presidents of the Group Panchayath Courts shal ordinarily be elected by the Judges of the Group Panchayath courts concerned. In cases of emergency, where for some reason or other a Group Panchayat Court President is not so elected within a reasonable time after the election of the Judges, the Government may, however, appoint one of the Judges as the President A President so appointed by the Government will go out of office on the expiry of two weeks after the election by the Group Panchayath Court Judges of a President is notified in the Government Gazette." It will be noticed that the nomination of the Panchayath Court President will be restricted. I submit that the bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Marjuran:—I further move that the Bill may be finally passed on Thursday.

Mr. C. J. Mathew—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill *(Contd).*

Mr. Thomas Marjuran:—Sir, I rise to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill. (Private art-stands etc.) It will be noticed that a slight amendment by way of explanation or elucidation has been introduced by the Select Committee. The amended section reads thus:— "No person shal open, for the purpose of hiring out, a new private landing-place, halting place, bus-stand or cart-stand or continue to keep open a private landing-place, halting place, bus-stand or cart-stand within one mile from such limits." The amendment introduced with the object of further elucidation so that there may

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be no doubt. I beg to move that the Bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—I further move that Bill may be finally passed on Thursday.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Resolutions.

1. Police high-handedness on Satyagrahis at Ernakulam (*cont.*)

President:—We shall now continue the discussion the first Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Sir, practically all that has to be said in defence of the course adopted by the Government has been said and said clearly by the Hon'ble Member for Police so that it does not behove me to make any elaborate speech at all. But since I am here and I have to say something I shall just explain one or two points that strike me as deserving mention on this occasion. The Resolution as it stands reads thus:—

"*This Council recommends to the Government to take steps on the Report of the Non-Official Committee composed of the Members of this House regarding Police high-handedness on peaceful Satyagrahis at Ernakulam.*

This resolution assumes for one thing, I may say at the outset, that there is before the Government now a Report on which the Government may take action or rather a Report which satisfies the conditions necessary for inducing or compelling the Government to take action on it. Keeping in view the form of the Resolution I ventured to examine that Report though not very elaborately but in some detail and I was rather surprised to find that a serious resolution has been tabled in this House on the strength of the Report.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—With your leave is that report on the table? Some of us have not seen that report.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—I have got one report here.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—If there is no objection it may be placed on the table.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—I have not got a report which I can lay on the table. I regret.

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